



FUSD Highlights

BOARD MEETING

MAY 6, 2009

Board Bullets

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Laura Abernathy-Mancha, President
Henry (Gus) Hawthorn, Clerk
Julie A. Ramos, Alternate Clerk
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Barbara L. Chavez, Member

ADMINISTRATION

Cali L. Olsen-Binks
Superintendent

Richard A. Stedry, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent
Business Services

Oscar Dueñas
Interim Associate Superintendent
Instructional Services

Yolanda Mendoza
Associate Superintendent
Human Resources

Robert P. Ratcliffe
School Police Chief
School Police Services

BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 13, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

Wednesday, June 3, 2009
6 pm Regular Board Meeting
John D. Piazza Center

IMPORTANT DATES

National School Nurses Day
May 6, 2009

National Police Week
May 10-16, 2009

Day of the Teacher
May 13, 2009

Peace Officers' Memorial Day
May 15, 2009

Classified Employees Week
May 18-22, 2009

- Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks and Dr. Richard A. Stedry, the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, presented the State of the Budget Address.
- Approved the Carl D. Perkins Funding Application in the anticipated amount of \$277,425 for 2009-10.
- Approved an agreement with Lundren Management Corporation to provide Construction Management services for proposed Elementary School No. 29, located on the corner of Alder and Merrill Avenues.
- Adopted Resolution No. 09-34 recognizing the designation of May 13, 2009, as "Day of the Teacher."
- Adopted Resolution No. 09-35 recognizing the designation of May 18-22, 2009, as "Classified School Employees Week."
- Adopted Resolution No. 09-37 to approve the Judges' decision regarding the reduction in services of certificated employees and direct the serving of final layoff notices to 355 certificated employees.
- Eva Fritsch, Coordinator of Elementary Curriculum, was promoted to Principal of West Randall Elementary School (effective July 1, 2009)



Good Things

County Science Fair Winners Honored

Fifteen individual students and 8 teams from FUSD participated in the County Science Fair at the National Orange Show on April 14-15, 2009. Our Fontana students brought home 2 gold medals, 3 silver medals (2 individual and 1 team), and 16 bronze medals (11 individual and 5 teams). One of those students, Bryon Scott a sixth grade student at Almeria Middle School, will be advancing to State. Congratulations to all of these young scientists for their hard work and a job well done!



Oleander Student Awarded with Scholarship

Marisol Castellanos, a student at Oleander Elementary School, was one of 3,900 gifted students across the country to receive a scholarship through the Ben Carson Scholars Program. She was awarded a \$1,000 merit scholarship as a result of her excellent grades, attendance, citizenship, and her community involvement. The money will be put in a trust fund until Marisol is ready to attend a four-year college. Marisol attended a special awards banquet on April 26 where she was presented with a certificate and a medal. Her school will also be receiving a big trophy, and said Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks, "They are very excited about that!"

SPARC

Almeria and Sequoia Middle Schools. have received awards for their 2008-09 Support Personnel Accountability Report Cards (SPARC). In addition, Truman Middle and Birch, Kaiser, and Summit High Schools each received Certificates of Commendation. SPARCs are tool that give a school site the opportunity to demonstrate effective communication and a commitment to getting results. Modeled after the School Accountability Report Card (SARC), the SPARC was developed by an advisory group of Los Angeles County counselors and consultants, counselor administrators, counselor educators and California Department of Education consultants. The schools' administrative and counseling teams worked on the document all year and submitted them for review at the beginning of March. Congratulations to these schools for their hard work and success!



2009 Relay for Life

The 2009 Fontana Relay For Life was held this last Saturday, May 2, at Fontana High School. This year's relay was much smaller than in years past but as Board Member Gus Hawthorn said, "it was highly successful in such a tough economic time. " He estimates that Fontana raised approximately \$50,000. Mr. Hawthorn, Mrs. Binks, and Mrs. Chavez each thanked Pam Tuttle, Terrie Hawthorn, FUSD Food Services and everyone who helped plan and participated in the Relay.

PTA Honorary Service Award

The PTA held its annual Honorary Service Awards at Sierra Lakes on April 30, 2009. Said Mrs. Mancha, "It is so important to honor our PTA, especially at this time, because they are coming to our rescue in so many ways and we want them to know that we appreciate all that they do."

Parent Pride March in Fontana Days Parade

This year's Fontana Days Parade will be held on Saturday, May 30. Brandy Segal of the Superintendent's Parent Leadership Team is coordinating a group of parents to march in the parade to celebrate parent leadership and volunteers.

Thank You to Everyone During State Testing

Mrs. Cali Olsen-Binks sent out a big "Thanks" to all the people involved in State testing. She said, "Everybody has worked incredibly hard: our principals, our teachers, our support staff. A lot of things go into planning for the testing. Our PTAs have just been phenomenal!"